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Application No: 10/602,933) Examiner: To be assigned
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Title: **System and Method for**)
 Communicating with an Appliance)
 Through an Optical Interface Using)
 A Control Panel Indicator)

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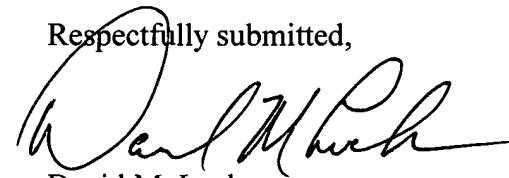
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